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Haltwhistle Rural District Council.

Council Offices, Haltwhistle.  
23rd August, 1944

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Dear Sir,

Annual Report, 1943 - Statistics.

With reference to the above, certain errors have subsequently been discovered which I beg to correct as under:-

(1) Population. This was estimated from the 1942 Annual Report and assumed to remain static at approximately 7,750.

(2) Births. Investigation of the Registers revealed the following figures:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate .. .. .	49	45	94
Illegitimate.. .. .	5	1	6
Stillborn .. .. .	1	1	2

The figures above do not include the Outward Transferable Births i.e. Leg. 12 M., 9 F., 1 F., Stillbirths or the Inward Transferable Births which were not returned by my predecessor.

(3) Deaths.

	M.	F.
Deaths registered during 1943.. .. .	44.	59
Outward Transferable deaths .. .. .	12	1
Incoming Transferable Deaths .. .. .	No record for reasons stated	
Tuberculosis (deaths from)		
Total number of deaths from this cause. ..	-.	4.
- All Pulmonary -		
Cancer.		
No. of deaths from cancer	6	7
No record of Incoming Deaths from these causes.		

I regret that these errors in statistics should have occurred but this is due directly to the death of the late Medical Officer and the loss of records resulting from this, the position being further aggravated by the engagement of a temporary Acting Medical Officer of Health prior to my appointment.

I trust that you will find this amended Return of sufficient accuracy in view of the difficulties experienced in its compilation.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) J.K.Adamson,  
Medical Officer of Health

~~The County Medical Officer of Health~~  
~~County Hall,~~  
~~Newcastle-on-Tyne~~

*The Secretary  
Ministry of Health,  
Whitehall,  
London*

Annual Report, 1948 - 1949  
Health Department, New York City  
New York, 1949

Annual Report, 1948 - 1949

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(1) Population. This was estimated from the 1948 Annual Report and assumed to remain static at approximately 7,750.

(2) Births. Investigation of the registers revealed the following figures:-

Births	Estimated	Actual	Total
Legitimate	..	40	40
Illegitimate	..	5	5
Stillborn	..	1	1

The figures above do not include the Outward Transferable Births i.e. Reg. 13 M., 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

(3) Deaths. Deaths registered during 1948.. ..  
Outward Transferable Deaths .. ..  
Incoming Transferable Deaths .. ..  
Local number of Deaths from .. ..  
- All Causes .. ..  
- Cancer .. ..  
No. of Deaths from cancer .. ..  
No record of incoming Deaths from cancer .. ..

I trust that you will find this amended return of sufficient accuracy in view of the difficulties experienced in its compilation. Health Officer to my appointment.

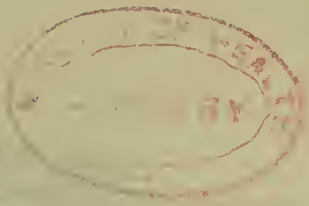
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Medical Officer of Health

For the Medical Officer of Health,  
J.L. Adamson,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J.L. Adamson





Haltwhistle Rural District Council.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Haltwhistle Rural District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The following is a curtailed report of annual work and progress effected in the Rural District of Haltwhistle during the year ending 31st December, 1943.

In common with many other Authorities major works of improvement including sewerage and water supply, plans for which were formulated prior to the outbreak of War, are unavoidably held in abeyance. Plans upon which the future development of those parts of the area insufficiently/inadequately served by water supply and drainage facilities largely depend.

The area of the Haltwhistle Rural District is 96,334 acres.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1943 was 2,269.

The sum represented by one penny rate is £ 143.6s.3d.

The Rateable Value equals £ 36,488 as at 31/ 3/43. The est. population for 1943 is 7,750.

Vital Statistics.

The Death Rate is 14.9 per 1,000 population as compared with 11.0 per 1,000 population for the previous year.

Tuberculosis. Number of cases 4  
as compared with 4 for the previous year.

Pulm.		Non-Pulm.		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
--	2.	2.	--	2.	2.

Cancer.  
as compared with 12 for the previous year.

M.	F.	Total
6.	7.	13.

Births registered during 1943:-					Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	56	53	109
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	5	1	6
Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	1	2	3

Deaths registered during 1943:-					Males.	Females.	Total.
					56	60	116

(Includes transferable deaths).

Deaths from Tuberculosis:-			Deaths from Cancer:-		
Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Deaths from Cancer:-					Males.	Females.	Total.
					Nil	Nil	Nil

As compared with 12 in 1942.

The Birth Rate is 14.8 per 1000 as compared with 19.6 per 1000 for 1942.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>							<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Ac:Polio-myel:(Polio-enceph)	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Appendicitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Cancer (all forms)	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	7
Con: mal: birth inj: infant dis:	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Gangrene	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Heart Disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	22
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
All other causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	56
All causes	..	..	..	..	..	..		

### Housing.

Number of houses inhabited at end of 1943:- 2,269

Number of new houses built in 1943:- --Nil--

Work in connection with the inspection and reconditioning of property under the Housing Acts has been largely discontinued except when works of repair were urgently required.

Action by the Council under the Housing Acts in respect of one house was taken, prohibiting its re-occupancy until such time as extensive works of repair and improvement were carried out as requested by the Council.

These included partial reconstruction of the house on more modern lines, and the provision of new drainage.

### Water Supply.

The general position as regards water supply throughout the district remains constant, no major works of improvement having been possible.

Minor works of improvement have been carried out as below:-

- (1) Melkridge Water - 600 yds. 3" spun iron pipes fitted with Stanton Screw-Glazed Joints were laid from the reservoir to the main road in order to replace a similar length of Mannesman Steel tubing which had been a source of trouble for some considerable time.
- (2) Town Green Water Supply, Slaggyford. A sample of water taken for bacteriological analysis proving this supply to be unfit, works of improvement were commenced with a view to safeguarding the supply. These consisted primarily in the building up to a certain height above ground level of the existing spring collecting chamber with a view to preventing the possibility of surface pollution. A subsequent analysis proved this supply to be fit for domestic purposes.
- (3) Kellah and Ulpham Wells. Adverse reports having been received in regard to samples of water taken from these two public wells, steps were taken by the Council to improve the position. Kellah Well - Partial reconstruction of this well was undertaken and the well cleaned out. Ulpham Well - After emptying and cleaning an alteration to the means of drawing water was effected by connecting a length of gal. water pipe with the well, terminating in a bib-tap. This arrangement was rendered possible by the lie of the ground and marked a distinct improvement on the previously existing arrangement. Both these sources of supply were proved to be safe on taking further samples for analysis.



Towhouse, Redburn, Bardon Mill and Gilsland Areas. The position in regard to water supply to the above areas remains essentially the same, and will continue to be unsatisfactory until such time as it is possible to carry out the major water supply scheme so strongly advocated by the late Medical Officer of Health, Dr.J.M.Glasse.

No acute shortage of water was experienced during the past year in any part of the Rural area. This is explainable on two accounts (1) the unusual and heavy rainfall which persisted throughout the Summer, and (2) the scarcity of military personnel billeted in the area. A further contributing factor towards the conserving of the Council's water supply, more especially in the Bardon Mill area, has been the fixing of water meters on farms supplied in that area.

#### Suggested Auxiliary Water Supply, Bardon Mill.

The possibility of combined action between the Military Authorities and this Council were taken into consideration during the past year in order to discover whether some common basis of agreement could be reached on the suggestion put forward to utilize a constant volume of water which was (and is) running to waste from a borehole sunk some years ago in the tracing of coal and situated near Bardon Mill E.N.E.R.Station, the said water to be pumped from this borehole into the existing Bardon Mill mains, or alternatively direct to the adjacent military huttred camp which has been the subject of much adverse comment by this Council. The putting into effect of this scheme would, it was suggested, be to the advantage of both the resident population and the military.

A pumping test extending over a period of 14 days was accordingly put in hand by the military, the Sanitary Inspector taking daily checks of the pump delivery on behalf of the Council. The result of the tests were as follows:-

Test period	- 7th January-21st January, 1943.
Av. daily delivery	- 43,200 g.p.day.
Depth of pump	- 124' 9"

A check gauging was also taken by the Sanitary Inspector of the volume of water being pumped from the Henshaw Drift, adjacent with a view to comparing the known discharge from the Drift with that during the pumping test (above). This figure was found to remain constant at 43,200 g.p.day. Samples of water for chemical and bacteriological analysis were taken from both the borehole and Drift. These proved the water from the borehole to be satisfactory for domestic purposes, and that from the Drift to be unsatisfactory.

After due consideration by the Council, it was decided that in view of the possible extension of the Henshaw Drift and the possibility of the diminution of the subsoil water by pumping operations at this Drift, that the Council decline to enter into any agreement with the military authorities in this connection.



Proposed extension of water supply from the Haltwhistle Rural District into the Border Rural District. A request was received from the above authority suggesting the extension of the Thirlwall supply into the area of the Border R.D.C. for the purpose of supplying certain properties at present insufficiently supplied, with an adequate supply of water. After consideration and a meeting with officials and Members of the Border R.D.C. Public Health Committee it was decided that no assistance could be given the above authority in view of the position in regard to water supply in the parish of Thirlwall, this matter to be further examined when the Haltwhistle R.D.C. are in a position to proceed with their major water scheme.

#### Sewerage and drainage.

No works of major improvement or sewer extensions have been carried out during the past year. One section of sewer draining eighteen houses and situated at Moor View, Melkridge, which has been a source of recurring trouble over a period of years has been satisfactorily cleared. The clearing of this particular section of sewer was rendered doubly difficult owing to the fact that the owners of a small colliery adjacent had been permitted to tip stone and pit slag on top of the sewer, with the ultimate result that the sewer was choked at a point where a manhole consisting of a number of boiler tubes set on top of each other and set in the heap were situated. This manhole was also full of debris, and deemed to be unsafe owing to movement. These conditions were reported to the Council by the Sanitary Inspector, the latter suggesting the employment of a mechanical excavator or shovel to remove part of the tip and a section of the boiler tubes. This suggestion was adopted and twenty feet in depth of the tip removed. A further fifteen feet of boiler tubing together with a small brick chamber at the foot of the tubing was also cleared of debris and the sewer freed. This opportunity was also taken to empty and clean out the detritus tank and cesspool situated immediately above the point where the sewer enters the pit heap.

Note:- It is to be noted that a specification of work necessary together with plans and sections providing for the re-draining of this block of property in the opposite direction so as to miss the pit heap were prepared by the Sanitary Inspector but withheld on the score of expense.

Statutory Notices requiring the conversion to the water carriage system of existing sanitary accommodation and the partial re-drainage of two terraces situated at the Townfoot, Haltwhistle, have been served during the past year.

Names of properties involved - (1) Shepherds Terrace, and (2) Oakwell Terrace.

This work included (1) the relaying of approximately 50% of the main drainage system of this terrace and the conversion of 26 privy ashpits and (2) the entire re-draining of Oakwell Terrace (8 houses) with the provision of the necessary sanitary accommodation.

Instructions have been given by the owners to local Contractors for the work to proceed in the case of Shepherds Terrace, and work in connection with Oakwell Terrace was put in hand, but owing to encountering rock has been temporarily stopped. It is to be hoped that this work will be completed at an early date.

Offensive Open ditch. Statutory Notice requiring the cleansing/piping in of an open ditch in the village of Bardon Mill was served upon the owner of the land, Sir Hugh Blackett, and this ditch, approx. fifty yards in length was subsequently piped in (12" pipes).

Scavenging and Public Cleansing. The general system as regards refuse collection remains essentially the same as in 1942, organised refuse removal being undertaken by the Council in the parish of Haltwhistle only. It will be appreciated that 50% of the population of the Rural District reside within the parish of Haltwhistle. The policy of the Council in requiring the provision (by Notice) of ashbins in lieu of ashpits continues. Out of a total of 200 "B.S.S." bins purchased from Messrs. Butterfield in April, 1942, these were all disposed of by 1943 as below:-

	No.
1942. (The public as result of Notices served	50
(Greencroft Housing Estate (H.R.D.C.))	44
1943. To Public do	98
Greencroft Estate	8

No. of notices served - 94.

200

A further number of 75 "Challenge" bins have been obtained from the above firm (29th December, 1943), part for replacement and part for public issue.

Haltwhistle Refuse Tip. Rat disinfection. By arrangement with the War Agricultural Committee, a drive against rats on the above tip was undertaken during March 1943. This proved entirely successful and the further assistance of the War Agricultural Committee will be requested during the coming year. In addition to the above gassing of rats on the above tip by "Cyanogas" is periodically undertaken by Council employees.

Slaughter Houses. Centralized slaughtering for the two districts of Haltwhistle and Alston continues to be carried out at Portobello Slaughter House, Haltwhistle. This system which has now been in operation in this area since January 1941 remains satisfactory and makes a big improvement upon conditions previously existing.

<u>Unsound Food.</u>	<u>Food Inspection.</u>			
	<u>Stones.</u>	<u>Surrendered.</u>	<u>Seized.</u>	<u>Legal Proceed:</u>
Beef (Home Killed)	28l.	Yes	Nil	Nil
" (Imported)	--			
Mutton (Home killed)	30	"	"	"
" (Imported)	--			
Pork	11 lbs.	"	"	"
Fish	Nil.	"	"	"
Bacon	15 st.	"	"	"
Butter	4 lbs.	"	"	"

Tinned Foods.

Destroyed as unfit for human consumption:-  
Total weight - 1049 lbs.



Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

No. of cases notified during 1943 -

Diphtheria - 3.

Scarlet Fever - 6.

Inspection and Supervision of Food. Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

A considerable amount of inspection work under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, was carried out during 1943, as a result of which works of improvement were carried out at the following places:-

Birch Trees Farm, Coanwood	..	..	..	New cooler house.
Henshaw Farm, Bardon Mill	..	..	..	do
Townfoot Farm, Haltwhistle	..	..	..	Remodelling interior of byre.
East Steel Farm, Ridley	..	..	..	do
Seatsides Farm, Henshaw	..	..	..	do
Burnhouse Farm, Coanwood	..	..	..	do
Cranberry Brow, Henshaw	..	..	..	do (new floors).

Other farms where work was unavoidably held over owing to the approach of Winter were:-

Plenneller Farm, Plenneller

Hallpeatnoss, Molkridge

East Unthank Farm, Plenneller

Arising out applications made the County Sanitary Inspector and Sanitary Inspector made inspections at the following farms when the question of the proposed production of accredited/T.T. milk was discussed:-

Caervoran Farm .. .. Blenkinsopp

Barn House Farm .. .. Thirlwall

Shawfield Farm .. .. do

As certain works of improvement were necessary in each of the above cases, no certificate has been yet issued in these cases (31st December, 1943).

Number of Farms registered in area:- 171

Wholesale .. .. 73

Retail .. .. 49

Wholesale and Retail. .. .. 48



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Date	Jan. 28	Feb. 25	Mar. 25	Apr. 22.
May 20	26	10	7	7
Jun. 17.	4	5	5	4
Jul. 15.	80	15	15	25
Aug. 12.	1	2	1	-
Sep. 9.	2	9	1	-
Oct. 7.	1	1	1	-
Nov. 4.	2	2	2	-
Dec. 2.	2	2	2	-
Dec. 30.	1	1	1	-

Signed:— J. K. Adams,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Signed:- Fred. J. LEWSON,  
Sentry Inspector.

